

Public Law 99-394  
99th Congress

## Joint Resolution

To designate the week beginning May 17, 1987, as "National Tourism Week".

Aug. 23, 1986

[H.J. Res. 642]

Whereas tourism is vital to the United States, contributing to economic prosperity, employment, and the international balance of payments;

Whereas travelers from the United States and other countries spent \$259,500,000,000 in the United States during 1985, directly producing five million nine hundred thousand jobs, \$59,600,000,000 in wages and salaries, and over \$33,200,000,000 in Federal, State, and local tax revenues;

Whereas if viewed as a single retail industry the travel and tourism sector of the economy constituted the third largest retail industry in the United States in 1985 as measured by business receipts;

Whereas tourism contributes substantially to personal growth, education, and appreciation of intercultural differences among all people;

Whereas tourism enhances international understanding and good will; and

Whereas as people throughout the world become aware of the outstanding cultural and recreational resources available across the United States, travel and tourism will become an increasingly important aspect of the daily lives of the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the week beginning May 17, 1987, is designated as "National Tourism Week". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved August 23, 1986.

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 642:

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Aug. 9, considered and passed Senate.